GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2442
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MOVEMENT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow free movement of agro products throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) Keeping in view the demand of farmers in the country and also to enable them to obtain the market prices of their of their produce anywhere in the country, in March, 1993, Central Government decided to remove all the inter-State and intra-State restrictions on movement of foodgrains and requested all the States/Union Territories to take action accordingly. All the States/Union Territories, except Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have taken action to adhere to the policy of free movement of foodgrains. These three States want to keep the movement restrictions on paddy/rice on account of local conditions. Recently, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has requested all the States/Union Territories notto impose any type of restrictions, since it has been observed that some States/Union Territories informally impose movement restrictions on their own.

(c) Does not arise.